



Inter Department Correspondence Sheet

TO: Members of Council

FROM: City Clerk

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SUBJECT: Minutes of the Health, Education and Families Committee Meeting

February 27, 2016

Attached are the minutes from the Health, Education and Families Committee meeting held February 23, 2016.

R. Breckenridge Daughtrey

NORFOLK, VIRGINIA
HEALTH, EDUCATION AND FAMILIES COMMITTEE
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2016

Co-chair Theresa Whibley, MD, called the meeting to order at 4:08 p.m. with the following members present: Mr. Tommy Smigiel, co-chair; Mr. Paul Riddick, member. Also present: DCM Wynter Benda, City Attorney Bernard Pishko and City Clerk R. Breckenridge Daughtrey.

A. SOUTHSIDE AQUATICS CENTER AND RPOS UPDATE

Mr. Darrell Crittendon, Director of Recreation, Parks and Open Space reported that the Southside Aquatics Center operates year round and is staffed with 3 to 4 full-time employees. There are 15 to 25 part-time lifeguards and water safety instructors and 3 to 6 part-time recreation aides responsible for answering phones and class registration. They also deploy the facility manager from the Southside Aquatics Center to supervise and maintain operations at the Berkley outdoor pool in the summer months. Outdoor pools are opened from mid-June through Labor Day.

When the Southside Aquatics Center opened in 2014, the venue offered recreational swimming, swimming lessons and fitness classes. Birthday parties and meetings were held in the community rooms. The SSAC Program has expanded for FY 2016 offering a full spectrum of programming which include: High School swimming practice, safety classes, Southside Splash, diving lessons, swim meets, 50-plus fitness, group swims, special events, special trainings (police, military and harbor patrol) and etcetera. Community rooms were available for bridal showers, wedding receptions, family reunions, Bible study, police and fire training, military training, luncheons and etcetera. Comparison from 2014 to 2015, SSAC patrons increased by 33 percent and room rentals increased by 36 percent.

B. BAY OAKS PARK UPDATE ON PHASE I & PHASE II

Mr. Darrell Crittendon, Director of Recreation, Parks and Open Space reported that City Council allocated \$250,000 in FY 2015 for Phase I. The scope of work included: Light infrastructure work, demolition of 4th Bay Street, installation of utility meters, infrastructure and conduit sleeves for future utilities, installation of an eight-foot-wide concrete sidewalk along E. Ocean View Avenue, earthwork/land grading, concrete plaza with overhead pergolas and benches and park identification signage.

City Council allocated \$100,000 in FY 2016 for Phase II. The scope of work for this phase includes: Ongoing light infrastructure work, earthwork/land grading, installation of pedestrian lights around the plaza, demolition of existing sidewalk, installation of utility infrastructure and conduit sleeves for future utilities, traffic mitigation and temporary lane closure. The plan is to begin work the first week in March contingent upon the weather.

Mr. Smigiel asked about the final cost to complete the park. Mr. Crittendon responded \$2.85 million.

Dr. Whibley asked what would be a reasonable amount to ask for in the upcoming budget. In response, Mr. Smigiel stated that a million would be good to get the next stage going with the parking lot, basketball court and playgrounds and after that the fountain and workout stations.

Dr. Whibley asked what Phase III would be and when that work will begin. Mr. Crittendon responded that Phase III is the heavy infrastructure for things like parking lot, some of the facilities and it will begin as soon as it is funded. He also stated that the Bay Oaks Park Committee has requested significant funding for the boxing center.

Dr. Whibley asked if something can be done to help landscaping at Suburban Park Elementary School. She also noted in regards to Bay Oaks Park that a lot of cement is going into an area that floods a lot and asked if pervious materials can be used.